

cracks, and I thought maybe this was a place to jump on board, but I will keep looking I guess. Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I am sorry, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I also meant to add that I do support the bill, by the way. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm going to raise an issue and I would like to have Senator Schmit listen because I'm going to ask him what he thinks about the issue that I'm raising. Now, Senator Schmit, it's my understanding that part of your bill does the following. In 1987, this act was expanded to include any other agricultural by-product production and distribution plants and facilities. Under LB 587, the act will be expanded, it will be expanded to any programs to process, promote, market and distribute products derived from grain or from ethanol or ethanol components, proponents or by-products. Now it seems to me, Senator Schmit, that this expansion would allow for any products from food products to nonfood products, such as de-icer and garbage bags to solicit funds from the Ethanol Board. These things were not contemplated as occurring under the original bill when it was passed in 1986. The definition of agricultural production facility is given as a plant or facility related to the processing, marketing or distribution of any product derived from grain components, co-products or by-products but it does not say ethanol. Later, on page 5, the bill talks about an ethanol or agriculture producing facility or a facility related to the processing, marketing or distribution of ethanol or any products derived from ethanol components, co-products or by-products. So it appears to me, Senator Schmit, that there are two areas covered by this bill, ethanol and everything else. What would your reaction be to that, sir?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Anything, Senator Haberman, that would encourage the consumption of grain and its end use in any way that would encourage the consumption of grain will benefit agriculture, will benefit all of Nebraska and I think that the Ethanol Authority will take that into consideration. And, certainly, one of the principal concerns in the past has been that we were not perhaps devoting enough time to the by-products of the ethanol distillation process and, in fact, it may very